

News release

FORMER INSURANCE OFFICIAL RETURNS TO LEAD KENTUCKY OFFICE OF INSURANCE

Lawrenceburg resident chosen for top Insurance post

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 28, 2005) – Glenn Jennings, who once headed the Kentucky Office of Insurance (KOI) on an acting basis, has been appointed executive director of the agency.

Jennings, of Lawrenceburg, replaces Martin J. Koettters, who resigned Tuesday. Jennings was acting executive director of KOI from December 2003 to July 2004. He also formerly served as deputy commissioner for health insurance when the agency was the Kentucky Department of Insurance.

He most recently was deputy executive director of the Office of Charitable Gaming, which like KOI is an agency of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.

“I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity,” Jennings said. “I take very seriously the trust and confidence shown in me by Governor Ernie Fletcher and Secretary LaJuana Wilcher. There is a great team of professionals at KOI. Our efforts will be directed toward providing a level and fair marketplace for both consumers and companies.

“Additionally, by combining the experience of KOI staff with technology, the Office will assure that Kentucky has one of the most professionally trained and qualified agent forces in the nation,” he said.

Jennings has more than 20 years of experience in the health care field, specializing in financial management and information processing.

Jennings joined Kentucky state government in 1974 and has worked in a variety of roles, including deputy commissioner of the Department for Medicaid Services. In that position, he

played a key role in Medicaid's ongoing efforts to become compliant with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Beginning in 1986, Jennings was employed by First Health Services Corporation, serving as director of fiscal agent services for Tennessee and later as national director of Medicaid procurement and implementation. Jennings also was a consultant to TennCare, the state-run managed care program in Tennessee, and served as TennCare's director of operations and acting bureau chief.

A native of Hancock County, Jennings earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from Western Kentucky University. He and his wife, Anita, have two children.

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